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SUBJECT: PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR RWANDA VIA BURUNDI

REF: KIGALI 245

1. BUJUMBURA MANAGER OF BP - FINA CONFIRMS THAT HE WILL NOT BE TRANSSHIPPING POL PRODUCTS TO RWANDA FROM BURUNDI FOR REST OF APRIL, BUT MAY RESUME SMALL FLOW IF NEEDED SOMETIME IN MAY. HE SAYS BURUNDI GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH ENJOYING VERY ADEQUATE STOCKS CURRENTLY (OF OVER 90 DAY SUPPLY FOR SOME ITEMS) IS WORRIED ABOUT SUPPLY INTERRUPTIONS THROUGH TANZANIA OWING TO RAILROAD PROBLEMS THERE AND HENCE WANTS EVEN LARGER STOCKPILES. MANAGER ADDS HOWEVER THAT IN HIS RECENT EXPERIENCE, TANK TRUCKS FROM MOMBASA DESTINED FOR RWANDA ARE TRANSITING UGANDA SUCCESSFULLY RIGHT NOW, ALTHOUGH POSSIBILITY OF CAPRICIOUS BEHAVIOR BY INDIVIDUAL OFFICIALS CAN NEVER BE RULED OUT. IN FACT, HE CLAIMS THAT NUMBER OF TANK TRUCKS FROM KENYA ARE ALREADY IN KIGALI, BUT HAVE NOT OFF-LOADED SUPPLIES

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BECAUSE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET AGREED TO ABOUT 25

PERCENT PER LITER PRICE RISE.

2. MANAGER BELIEVES THAT UGANDANS HAVE CONSIDERABLE JUSTIFICATION FOR TAKING ACTION (EVEN IF NOT FOR APPLYING SUCH BRUTAL TACTICS). HE NOTES THAT RWANDA AND ZAIRE HAVE BEEN PAYING UGANDA FOR POL PRODUCTS IN UGANDAN SHILLINGS, WHICH BOTH COUNTRIES BUY AT MUCH REDUCED BLACK MARKET VALUE. RWANDA AND ZAIRE THUS HAVE BEEN BENEFITING FROM VERY LOW POL PRICES, WHILE UGANDA HAS HAD TO PAY OUT HARD CURRENCY TO COVER IMPORTS FOR ITSELF AND ITS TWO NEIGHBORS.
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